PANEL OF CHAIRMEN.

PRESIDENT: Under Rule 3 (2) of the Travancore Legislative Rules, I have nominated Messrs. Changanachery K. Paramesvaran Pillai and N. Abdul Rahiman Sahib to be the panel of Chairmen for the current session.

SELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE.

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): Sir, I beg to move that the following members of the House be selected to serve on the Joint Committee for the consideration of the Demand for a sum of Rs. 3,440 for the appointment of Marketing Officers and staff:—

1 Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai,
2 ,, N. Abdur Rahiman Sahib,
3 ,, K. C. Karunakaran,
4 ,, Antony George,
5 ,, A. S. Damodaran Asan,
6 ,, M. N. Nair,
7 ,, K. C. Abraham,
8 ,, K. M. Krishnan,
9 ,, P. Chidambaram Pillai,
10 ,, N. John Joseph,
11 ,, S. Chattanatha Karayalar,
12 ,, T. K. Velu Pillai,
13 ,, K. Goerge,
14 Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai,
15 Mr. A. Thanu Pillai.

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): I second it.

PRESIDENT: Moved and seconded that the names that were read out by Mr. Paramesvaran Pillai do form the 15 members to serve on the Joint Select Committee for the consideration of the Demand for a sum of Rs. 3,440 for the appointment of marketing officers and staff.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): Sir, I move an amendment. I beg to move that the following names be substituted for the names already read out. Sir, I may mention that some of the names may be found in both the lists but in consideration of the fact that the names have to be considered together for voting, I may suggest all the fifteen names.

Messrs. 1 A. S. Damodaran Asan
,, 2 Pottayil S. Krishna Panickar
,, 3 N. K. Krishna Pillai
,, 4 Puthupalli S. Krishna Pillai
,, 5 K. Kunjukrishna Pillai

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Messrs. 6 Pacode A. Narayana Pillai
" 7 P. K. Narayana Pillai
" 8 S. Nilakanta Pillai
" 9 Changanachery K. Paramesvaran Pillai
" 10 R. Raman Pillai
" 11 M. Sivatanu Pillai
" 12 A. Thanu Pillai
" 13 S. Thiraviam Nadar
" 14 N. E. Varughese
" 15 T. K. Velu Pillai.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) I second it.

PRESIDENT: Well, what has the Government member to say?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): We may put the question to vote.

PRESIDENT: Well, then, the difficulty is to put each name to vote.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): There are certain common names in the list They may be set apart and the rest alone need be put to vote in case of voting.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): I object to that because there has been a ruling with regard to the choice of Select Committee members and in that ruling it was laid down that each group of names should be considered as a separate motion. One group of names should be accepted or rejected as one motion. Here the amendment should be accepted or rejected on its merits and in its entirety, and no purpose will be served by taking the common names and putting the responsibility with regard to the other names on the mover of the amendment. Therefore I suggest that the amendment should be taken as a separate motion and the original motion with its group of names should be taken as another separate motion.

PRESIDENT: Yes, but the difficulty arising is this. If some members wishing to vote on the amendment are not in favour of a few names but are in favour of other names, we may have to compel them either to say 'yes' or to say 'no' to the whole list although they want some names to be retained in the list. That would lead to some difficulty.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) May I point out, Sir, that those members had the liberty and the right to put in amendments in which the names they approve of could also have been included? They had that right and they could have put in amendments. This they did not do. The present amendment has therefore to be taken as one motion; otherwise the purpose with which the amendment is moved will be defeated.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): Then in this case there cannot be any difficulty because if one motion is lost, automatically the other succeeds.

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MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*) : That is the case in all motions.

PRESIDENT : However, I have no objection. I am entirely in the hands of the House. What I said would be conducive to elicit the majority opinion of the House with regard to the amendment, but of course I am amenable to adopt any method they suggest. If it is quite allright to put the amendment along with the fifteen names, that may be done.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Sir, the difficulty will be over if I oppose the motion.

PRESIDENT : When it is moved I will look into it.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*) : I rise to a point of order : whether any member other than the official member in charge of the motion can move an amendment. The rule says that the official member in charge shall submit to vote the names of members.

PRESIDENT : He has submitted it,

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*) : My point is, can any other member move it?

PRESIDENT : Well, Law member, is there any objection?

MR KAYALAM PARAMESWARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : I think there is a great deal in what he said. But, inasmuch as the amendment has been allowed to be moved without any objection from the official side, I think it may be allowed to take its own course.

PRESIDENT Now, the amendment before the House is that instead of the list of names read out by the Government member, the list of names read out by the member who gave the amendment should be accepted by the House. I put the amended list first to the vote of the House.

The amendment was put to vote and lost.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): Sir, I demand a poll.

A poll was taken and the House divided as follows :—

AYES—22.

1	Mr.	A. S. Damodaran Asan	12	Mr.	S. Nilakanta Pillai
2	,,	A. Easvara Pillai (Kottarakara	13	,,	Edavanatt S. Padmanabha Menon
3	,,	S. J. Nair	14	,,	Kainikkara M. Padmanabha Pillai
4	,,	Pottayil S. Krishna Panickar	15	,,	Changanachery K. Paramesvaran Pillai
5	,,	N. K. Krishna Pillai	16	,,	R. Raman Pillai
6	,,	Puthupalli S. Krishna Pillai	17	,,	M. Sivatanu Pillai
7	,,	K. Kunjukrishna Pillai	18	,,	A. Thanu Pillai
8	,,	M. N. Nair	19	,,	S. Thiraviam Nadar
9	,,	K. A. Narayana Pillai	20	,,	N. E. Varughese
10	,,	Pacode A. Narayana Pillai	21	,,	V. K. Velappan Nair
11	,,	P. K. Narayana Pillai	22		T. P. Velayudhan Pillai

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NOES—34.

1	Mr. N. Abdur Rahiman Sahib	19	Mr. C. V. Kunjuraman
2	,, K. C. Abraham	20	,, E. K. Kunjuraman
3	,, T. K. Alexander	21	,, K. M. Kuriakose
4	,, V. T. Chacko	22	,, C. O. Madhavan
5	,, C. V. Chandarasekharan	23	,, K. Mahomed
6	,, S. Chattanatha Karayalar	24	,, P. C. Narayanan Bhattatiripad
7	,, Antony George	25	,, G. Nilakantan
8	,, K. George	26	,, N. K. Padmanabha Pillai
9	,, M. Mahomed Haneef	27	Rao Sahib S. Parameswara Aiyar
10	,, T. S. Jayanthan Nambootiri	28	,, K. Parameswaran Pillai
11	,, N. John Joseph	29	,, Kayalam Parameswaran Pillai
12	,, K. C. Karunakaran	30	,, V. Ramakrishna Panickar
13	,, T. T. Kesavan Sastri	31	,, R. Sambasiva Aiyar
14	,, K. M. Krishnan	32	,, T. C. Thommen
15	,, K. P. Krishna Menon	33	,, John Whitely Tolson
16	,, T. Krishna Pillai	34	,, G. B. E. Truscott
17	,, C. S. Krishnasvami Aiyer		
18	Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai		

NEUTRALS—11.

1	Mr. A. Easvara Pillai (Kalkulam II)	6	Mr. E. V. Krishna Pillai
2	,, K. R. Elenkath	7	,, M. K. Madhavan Pillai
3	Miss Hepzibah Gnanasikamony	8	Srimati T. Narayani Amma
4	Mr. M. K. Janardana Kamath	9	Mr. K. Padmanabhan
5	,, J. M. Joseph	10	,, K. Sankaran
		11	,, T. K. Velu Pillai

PRESIDENT : For 22 ; against 34 ; neutrals 11. The amendment is lost and the original proposition is carried.

The next item on the agenda is Demands for supplementary grants. Before I call upon the member to make his motion I wish to draw the attention of the House to the fact that Friday the 24th instant has, since the issue of the notice to the Honourable Members, been declared a public holiday on account of the Empire Day. I am not quite sure what the inclinations of the House will be. The President is entirely in the hands of the House. If the intention of the House is that we may continue to work from day to day ignoring the holiday on the 24th, then the original programme will be kept intact. But if it is the intention of the House that the day which has been already declared a holiday by the Government of India, should be observed as such in all sanctity, the only alternative that could be suggested for the consideration of the House will be that Government may be asked to make every effort to

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finish the official work before the close of this day and by postponing, if necessary, such controversial matters as may wait until the next session of the House and dispose of only such matters as they think are urgently called for. If that is feasible, to morrow which was originally fixed for official work could be surrendered for non-official work and Saturday which was already ear-marked for non-official work will certainly remain a non-official day and the rest of the programme will be carried out right through. I have merely thrown this suggestion so that if it is feasible to finish the official work, we may take it for granted that we shall all enjoy a holiday on the 24th, of course, the President including. Now, we shall proceed to the next item on the agenda and see how quick we go on.

DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

DEMAND I—EDUCATION.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Officiating Director of Public Instruction*) Sir, I beg to move for a supplementary grant not exceeding Rs. 38,644 under Demand I—Education. The object of the demand is to provide compensation to the managements of private schools for the loss of fee income which they have sustained as the result of the recent reduction in school fees. The House is, I believe, aware of the circumstances which led up to the Government order reducing fees in English and Vernacular Schools.

At the last Budget Session of the Assembly when the Education Demand was under discussion. Mr. Damodaran Asan moved a token cut to urge the need—the urgent need—for the reduction of fees in schools and colleges by 50 per cent. This motion was supported by member after member on the floor of the House and it was carried by a very large majority. Similar opinion was expressed in the State Council also. So, the Government decided to respect this expression of public opinion of both the Houses and to respond to it as generously as circumstances would permit.

The Dewan took prompt action. Immediately after the close of the Budget Session of both the Houses he summoned the principal officers concerned to a conference at Bhaktivilas and as a result of the conference Government adopted certain proposals. The Director of Public Instruction, on the floor of the House had already given an assurance that he would look sympathetically into the matter of reducing the fees in Vernacular Schools and in the Middle Schools Government decided to go further and they resolved to reduce the fees in all grades of the schools. In the V, VI and VII Classes in the Vernacular Schools they have reduced the fees from Chs. 18 to Chs. 14 per mensem. In the Preparatory Class in the English Schools the fee was reduced from Rs. 18 per year to Rs. 12. In the I, II and III Forms they reduced the fee from Rs. 24 to Rs. 18 per year. In the High School Classes *i. e.*, in the IV, V and VI Forms they reduced the fee from Rs. 42 to Rs. 36 per year. These reduced rates came into force on the 1st of Kanni 1110. Well, there were rather serious repercussions. The managers of Private Schools were alarmed and greatly

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